

NEWS OF THE DAY

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

A violent storm occurred at Indianapolis Tuesday night, and considerable damage was done to several railroads by the washing away of small bridges and culverts, delaying the night trains. A freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio road ran into a culvert near Oakland yesterday, wrecking seven or eight cars. The conductor, engineer, fireman and one brakeman are reported to have been drowned.

In the National Temperance Convention at Chicago yesterday, Mrs. Martha B. O'Donnell, of New York, delivered an address advocating the introduction of temperance pledges in the Sunday schools. Resolutions were passed recommending that the churches provide themselves with temperance libraries, and requesting Congress to appoint a committee to inquire into the effects of alcoholic drinks in America.

The grand jury of Philadelphia has found forty-nine indictments against Robert H. Wistar, George Myers and Joshua B. Moreau, charging them with uttering forged coupons purporting to be attached to bonds of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company. George F. Hill and Lindly Smith are the witnesses indorsed upon the backs of the bills.

Accounts from Cuba report the insurgents as having retired beyond the Trocha and the capture of the rebel Captain Manuel Sayas, who is reported to have made important revelations. The £100,000 borrowed by the Government from the Spanish Bank has been returned, and outrages on persons and property have decreased.

The National Brewers' Convention met at Cincinnati yesterday. In the absence of the president, H. Clausen was appointed president pro tem. He delivered a lengthy address. He was very severe on the woman's crusade in the West, and charged the republican party with the responsibility of the temperance movement.

Carl Vogt, the alleged murderer of Chevalier Dubois De Biaco, near Brussels, Belgium, about two years ago, has been extradited at last. He sailed for Belgium on board the steamer Switzerland from New York Tuesday, in custody of ex-Detective Phillip Farley.

Official advices from Fort Fetterman report that a large body of Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapahoe warriors are on their way up the Sweetwater for the purpose of attacking the Shoshone agency and doing damage to the settlers in that quarter.

A writ of error granted in a mandamus case in New Orleans, yesterday, will have the effect of taking the question of the constitutionality of the Louisiana Funding acts of 1874 to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Court of Alabama claims yesterday rendered judgment in favor of claimants for losses incurred in the destruction of the ships Martha, Express, Sonora and Waverly by the Confederate cruisers.

The committee on information and statistics of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange submit a report for the month of May, making a generally favorable showing for this year's crop.

Charles K. Landis, who shot Uri Carruth, editor of the Vineland Independent, some time since, was yesterday released on \$50,000 bail.

The Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company have declared a dividend of 1½ per cent. for the quarter ending June 30th.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church of America met at Jersey City yesterday and elected permanent officers.

Right Rev. James A. Healy was yesterday consecrated Bishop of Portland, Me.

Letter from Clarke Co.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] MILLWOOD, CLARKE COUNTY, May 31.—A voice from the country ought to tell of cool breezes, green grass, and waving wheat fields, but out of the abundance of the heart the mouth must speak, and the burden of the truthful tongue will be, this last day of May, of a heaven of brass, hot breaths from baked corn and wheat fields, and flocks and herds panting on dry pasture lands, for water, and green grass. We have fallen on the times predicted by the prophet Habakkuk, for a trial of our faith, and it behooves us to hold fast to that mighty guaranty of all good things, for those who are steadfast in their belief of the promise and the bow.

The Colorado bugs set a good example of diligence in an adopted profession; nothing daunts them, their motto is *veni, vidi, vici*, and even the "infallible" Paris green does not throw a shadow on their pathway, or diminish their numbers. An experienced gardener declares a sharp instrument, which cleaves asunder head and body, the only salvation from the potato destroyer.

Our county town was thrown into great excitement last Friday, by the appearance of two old men, having in custody a boy, answering in every respect to the description of Charlie Ross. Suspicion was aroused by the men refusing to spend the night in a dwelling, and watching their little companion very closely. He was so like the photograph of the lost boy, that some one called him "Charley," which greatly enraged his custodians. The party left Berryville Saturday morning, and on various suspicious items being retailed in the store porch reunions, three young men started in pursuit, brought the old men and boy back, lodged them in jail, and telegraphed to the authorities in New York. A return telegram reports the presence of a brother of the unfortunate Charley, and a detective in Berryville to-morrow. In the meantime curiosity is at fever heat. When asked his name the boy replied, "Augustus," then said, "they won't let me tell."

Letter from Rappahannock.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] GAINES' CROSS ROADS, RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VA., June 2.—After the most spirited contest known in the county for many years, our elections have passed off amid much excitement. Mr. John R. Miller, well known and universally esteemed, was elected Treasurer by a large majority. Mr. C. Lillard was elected Sheriff.

The farmers are complaining much of the dry weather. The prospect for wheat is quite poor.

CHARLEY ROSS.—In a letter from Berryville, Clarke county, to the Baltimore Sun, the writer says:

"It is now understood that Mr. Ross can not come to Berryville by reason of sickness, but upon the reception of a photograph of the child, a friend of the family will be on, provided any likeness to Charlie is discovered. The photograph has been sent to the friends of the lost child. It is now, of course, not believed by any reflecting person, that there is any possibility of restoring to the parents their lost boy, but the excitement has not been without its beneficial results. One old gentleman, who was about to step into the grave with rheumatism, is now as lively as a youth of sixteen. Two or three gentlemen, who have known from the first that the boy here was Charlie Ross, seem more than ever to be convinced that they are right, especially since it is stated that the father says it cannot possibly be his child. They walk about town with the gravity of the chairman of a building committee, and seem to be determined that the theories that they have builded shall not be interfered with by the father of Charlie or any other man."

John Carroll Walsh, declines to be a candidate for the nomination of Governor of Maryland.

SUIT AGAINST THE VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.—Officers of the Valley Railroad Company in Staunton have been served with notice of a suit brought in the Circuit Court of Augusta county by the contractors forming the syndicate against the company for \$500,000, which includes the \$334,000 due them and the interest and damages. The suit will be tried, by consent, next week.

The first ounce of blood injected into Gen. Frank Blair caused effects upon the General similar to intoxication. Upon investigation, the physicians discovered that the subject who had furnished the blood had been on a bit of a spree the day before, and with the blood had been transferred some alcohol. It was a clear case of drunk by proxy.

Mount Vernon.

Yesterday was a gala day at Mount Vernon, it being the time set apart for the annual meeting of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, and the Board of Visitors, and long will it be remembered by all who were present. The steamer "Arrow" having on board a select company, left her wharf at this city at 11 o'clock a. m., having been detained in Washington half an hour behind her usual time to await the arrival of Gen. G. S. Meem, who was expected from Baltimore, but who having been delayed by an accident on the B. & P. R. R. made the journey from Washington overland, reaching Mount Vernon in time, however, to take charge of the arrangements for the reception of the visitors. As the little steamer neared her destination many glances were directed into the distant "smoky light" that formed the river's horizon to the point where the "Keyport" was expected with Gov. Kemper and other distinguished persons from Richmond, and soon that steamer appeared, her flags streaming in the wind, floating upon the water "like a thing of life."

The Arrow having landed her passengers, steamed out to where the Keyport, which, owing to her draught, could not reach the wharf, was lying at anchor, and taking the Governor and his party on, landed them upon the memorable spot. With the Governor's party were many living descendants of illustrious families of "ye olden time," whose ancestors had been more or less intimately connected with the fame and fortunes of Washington, or related to him by kindred ties.

Among these were Miss Jennie Fairfax, a descendant of Lord Fairfax, who, when Governor of Virginia, had commissioned Washington, at the age of 18 years, a surveyor for the colony; the Lees, whose name is associated with his military glory; the Maury's, and the Washingtons. There were also present M. C. Kemper, son of an private secretary to the Governor; Col. S. Bassett French and Col. W. S. Gilman, aides; the Board of Visitors—Lieutenant Governor Henry W. Thomas, President; Judge Robert Ould, Gen. G. S. Meem, Gen. Fitzgibbon Lee, and Major B. F. Rixey. Also, Col. James McDonald, Secretary of State of Virginia; Dr. Lagley French and Col. W. S. Gilman, aides; the Board of Visitors—Lieutenant Governor Henry W. Thomas, President; Judge Robert Ould, Gen. G. S. Meem, Gen. Fitzgibbon Lee, and Major B. F. Rixey. Also, Col. James McDonald, Secretary of State of Virginia; Dr. Lagley French and Col. W. S. Gilman, aides; the Board of Visitors—Lieutenant Governor Henry W. 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